

March 2, 2007

MUNI # 71020
SCOTT KLEINSCHMIDT, CLERK
TOWN OF LINCOLN
10531 COUNTY RD Y
MARSHFIELD WI 54449

Dear Municipal Official:

We have reviewed your ordinance for the municipal adoption of the Uniform Dwelling Code (UDC) and found it acceptable.

However, section 1.7 of your ordinance regarding the \$1,000 limit for permitting and inspecting new dwellings is in conflict with the UDC. Under the UDC, all new dwellings, regardless of cost, must have a permit issued and must be inspected. While the \$1,000 limit will certainly cover any new dwelling, if the limit is raised, some dwellings could be inadvertently excluded. The \$1,000 limit (or whatever limit you choose) may still apply to the permitting and inspection of existing dwellings that undergo remodeling or addition.

It is our understanding that you have been enforcing the UDC for some time using Al Breu as your certified inspector. [Since the ordinance was originally sent in some time ago, the 30 day-notice to us normally required under s. Comm 20.04(1) (b) will be waived.] Note that all inspections must be performed by properly certified inspectors. We recommend that you provide a copy of your ordinance and this letter to your authorized inspector.

By copy of this letter, we are also officially informing our state-contracted inspection agency [Tel. (608) 826-0532] that had been enforcing the UDC in your municipality that their services are no longer required. Unless you and the agency otherwise reach agreement, they will be responsible for completing the inspections of any dwelling for up to two years after they issued it a permit.

By copy of this letter, we are also informing your county so that they may forward this information to their land use, zoning and sanitary permit staff, who may refer potential UDC building permit applicants to the proper party.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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